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SUBJECT: NO ADVERSE FOREIGN POLICY IMPLICATIONS REGARDING NSF
RESEARCH GRANT NO.OISE-07455732 FOR IAI

REF: STATE 17269

¶1. Reftel requested the Embassy to review a grant proposal for four training institutes from the National Science Foundation (NSF) titled "IAI Training Institute to Develop Capacity Building in Interdisciplinary Global Environmental Change Sciences," number OISE-07455732. The proposal would be under the direction of Dr. Marcella Ohira, from the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research (IAI), Sao Jose dos Campos (Sao Paulo), Brazil.

¶2. The Embassy sees no negative foreign policy implications in awarding the referred grant to three of training institutes: the training institute on information management; the training institute on risk; and the training institute on cities' responses to climate change.

¶3. The proposed grant to the remaining training institute on managing semi-arid river basins raises foreign policy concerns because it touches on the sensitive matter of the use of water resources of the San Francisco River Basin and it involves the participation of an NGO, Canoa de Tolda. The Embassy is looking into the matter more closely, but for now it is expressing reservations about this part of the grant proposal. Hopefully, upon a closer examination of the matter, these reservations can be adequately addressed.

¶4. Since reftel paragraph 9 informs that human subject are involved, we emphasize the importance of complying with Brazilian laws on the export of data and biological material.

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